



Cheering Volunteering 2017

in Central Bedfordshire.

Our annual awards event to celebrate volunteering



Nomination Form

We're so pleased that you're joining us in celebrating the valued contribution that volunteers and volunteer organisations make to our lives and communities in Central Bedfordshire. The Cheering Volunteering event is sponsored by Biffa, Aragon Housing, Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue Service, ProLogis and Jeakins Weir.

Please use this form to nominate that special individual or group that has made a difference to your life or to the lives of others by volunteering. Please refer to the end of this form for the award categories and nomination guidelines.

Please note that all sections of the nomination form must be fully completed. We are unable to process incomplete nominations.

1. Your details (Nominator)

Name:	
Address:	
Post code:	
Telephone:	
Email:	

2. Nominee details

Name:	
Address:	
Post code:	
Telephone:	
Email:	
*Categories (tick the relevant category. Please refer to the end of this nomination form for more details about each category)	<input type="checkbox"/> Young Volunteer of the Year Award <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer of the Year Award <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer Group of the Year Award <input type="checkbox"/> Outstanding Contribution Award <input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime Achievement Award <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraiser of the Year Award





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3. Reason for your nomination

In this section you need to tell us why you think the individual / group you are nominating should receive this award.

- Please tell us **why** you think the individual / group you are nominating should receive this award.
- Give **at least two examples with some explanation** about how the individual / group you are nominating meets the criteria for the category you're nominating them for.
- Tell us **how long** the individual / group you are nominating has been volunteering. **Where** does the volunteering they do take place? Does the individual / group **live / have their base** in Central Bedfordshire?
- Write a **minimum of 100 words, up to a maximum 300 words**. You can attach a separate sheet if you need to.

This is your chance to really show us how fantastic your nominee is!

Checklist	x
check relevance to category	<input type="checkbox"/>
contact details fully completed for Nominator and Nominee	<input type="checkbox"/>
at least two examples given	<input type="checkbox"/>
how long the individual / group has been volunteering	<input type="checkbox"/>
where the volunteering takes place	<input type="checkbox"/>
minimum 100 words, maximum 300 words	<input type="checkbox"/>

We advise that you check with the individual / group you are nominating that they are happy to be nominated



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Award Categories

Award nominations will be grouped into six categories with a winner and two highly commended selected from each category listed below. The information below will help you to choose the right category for the individual / group you are nominating.

Award	Criteria
Young Volunteer of the Year Award	This award is for individuals aged 18 or under who have made a positive impact on their community through volunteering. Perhaps they've been involved in a volunteering project by taking a leadership role or by expanding / developing the project. Whatever they've been involved in; this award recognises their passion, motivation and commitment.
Volunteer of the Year Award	This award is for individuals aged 19 or over who have made a positive impact on their community through volunteering. Perhaps they've been involved in a volunteering project by taking a leadership role or by expanding / developing the project. Whatever they've been involved in; this award recognises their passion, motivation and commitment.
Volunteer Group of the Year Award	This award is for a group or organisation that has demonstrated an outstanding volunteering contribution in Central Bedfordshire. Maybe they've contributed leadership, skills and/or time for the good of the community, are consistently dedicated, and have a direct positive impact on others.
Outstanding Contribution Award	Many people give unselfishly of their time and effort without realising that they are volunteering. Too often these people go without any recognition of the difference they have made to people's lives. This award is for an individual that has made a difference to you or someone you know, and has had a very definite, positive impact by going the extra mile.
Lifetime Achievement Award	This award is for an individual who is known for their exceptional contributions to volunteering over a significant number of years. Maybe they've contributed leadership, skills and/or time for the good of the community, are consistently dedicated, and have a direct positive impact on others.
Fundraiser of the Year Award	This award is for an individual, group or organisation that has demonstrated an outstanding volunteer contribution to fundraising in Central Bedfordshire.



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Nomination guidelines

1. Nominations are welcomed for individuals, groups and organisations that live or work in Central Bedfordshire.
2. Nominations should be for one category only and submitted online, by email or by post to the address below.
3. Organisations may not enter nominations for categories that they are sponsoring.
4. All successful nominations received will be acknowledged by email.
5. A judging panel appointed by the organisers will consider all entries and will select the winners and two highly commended in each category. The decision of the judges is final.
6. The closing date for nominations is **Friday 31 March 2017**. Nominees who have been short listed will be notified via telephone or email and invited to the awards ceremony on the evening of **Tuesday 6 June 2017** at The Grove Theatre, Grove Park Court Drive, Dunstable, Bedfordshire LU5 4GP.
7. Late applications will not be accepted, and the organisers cannot accept any liability for lost applications.
8. Volunteer experience / contributions must have taken place within the last 18 months, with the exception of the Lifetime Achievement Award.
9. Group nominees must have their organisation based in Central Bedfordshire, and / or provide their service primarily to communities in Central Bedfordshire.
10. Information contained in the awards entries may be used as part of the promotional campaign for the awards. By accepting a nomination, nominees agree to take part in media publicity. Details of the award winners will be published in print and online. Finalists may also be required to take part in a short video to promote subsequent events.
11. Award winners from the previous Cheering Volunteering events will not be eligible for nomination for the same award for this years event.

Submit your form.....

Online: www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/volunteerawards

By email to: awards@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

By post to: FREEPOST RSJS GBBZ SRZT (you do not need a stamp), Consultations, Central Bedfordshire Council, Priory House, Monks Walk, Chicksands, Shefford SG17 5TQ

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